

KAPP Vernors

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Historian of Baltic-German origin. Attended schools in Latvia; speaks Latvian. During the time of independent Latvia was engaged in espionage activity in Latvia for Germany. In 1939 employed at the UTAG which corporation settled the economical problems of Baltic Germans who moved at this time from Latvia to Germany; simultaneously he continued his espionage activity, mainly in organizing the stay-behinds for the Germans. In 1940/41 chief of the German espionage in Latvia directed against the Soviets; came twice illegally over from East Germany to Latvia, was supported here by Miss HEDWIG Z. (see her card 3742). Was member of the NSDAP. During the German occupation Chief of the Political Division of the Generalcommissariat Latvia and member of the Department 6 at the NSDAP (reports on opinion, local resistance, investigation of persons, general outline of the Party etc.). Since the end of 1942 started to organize among the Russian POWs spies for military espionage behind the Russian front. In the fall of 1944 moved from Riga to Lioaia where he was one of the leaders of the German Abwehr; his office was located at Ulricha St. 117. A specialist in this field. Consumed much alcohol. Fled to Germany before the capitulation. In 1949 lived in West Germany, SS Zone (from a report by HEWARTS Arturs; see KAPP's file).

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VIDVUDS SUEICIS
AKA: VALDEMARS

According to the story of OZOLS Janis (see file CGMIO #005, Doc. A), the letter was contacted by V.KAPP first in Dec. 1940 and afterwards several times in matters of national underground supported by the German Abwehr; together with V.KAPP for the same agency was working at that time Simons BUCHARD (BURNHARD ?). As far as C roughers, V.KAPP was also the immediate supervisor of RIVARDS Feliks X during 1942/43; due to this connection F.RIVARDS was allowed to found his own investigating group in the fall of 1941 (Sondergruppe R; later "Latvian Partoteln"). When F.RIVARDS and his employees got arrested by the SD in March 1943, F.RIVARDS put much hopes on V.KAPP as an influential member of the NSDAP who sympathizes with the Latvian aspirations; Mrs. RIVARDS tried to get in touch with V.KAPP but the latter was at that time not in Latvia. According to VALDEARS, the latter had an acquaintance, PLIDERS (Valdemars ?), in Ventspils in the fall of 1943, who tried to build a boat to escape to Sweden. This PLIDERS told him that he has been recruited by V.KAPP to work as stay-behind and A/T operator; changed his mind and tried to flee to Sweden; got arrested by the SD and put in jail in Ventspils where V.KAPP visited him and was very crude to him. (C).

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X = RIVKARDS (L)

STERNDEROS Romans 1918 3727
 Veronika, nee- KRASTIJS
 son 1 94A
 Edgars, father
 Elza, nee ROMS, mother (deceased ab. 1951 in West Germany)

USSR

Teacher. His father was postmaster in Bulduri, Riga's Jurmala. He attended the elementary school in Bulduri 1926-32; then the Teachers' Institute in Riga (later in Cēsis) up to ab. 1937. After graduating from it worked as teacher at the 8th(?) Municipal Grade School in Pārdaugava, Riga (together with Mrs. TEPERS Aldona; see card 3785). Since ab. March 1942 employed at the "Latvian Kartoteka" in Riga; got arrested by the SD on 6 March 1943 but was released after a couple month. In summer 1943 got married to his former classmate, KRASTIJA Veronika, from the rural community Zambē. At the same time got enrolled into the Latvian Legion and was assigned to the Hqs of the Inspector General under 1st Lt. VAIROGS ņu (see card 3738). In summer 1944 was transferred to the Hqs of the Antibolshevistic Partisans; in the fall of 1944 moved with it to Kuldīga in Kurzeme where he worked at the Information Section under Lt. MITREVIČS Oskars (see card 117). After the capitulation in May 1945 remained as national partisan in the woods of Kurzeme; in Sep. 1944 went under false documents to Riga in order to organize there a national underground. According to VALDEMARIS (as told in 1948) was captured by the MVD in spring 1946 in Pārdaugava

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and sentenced to death or 25 years of hard labor. His wife and son lived in summer 1945 in a house of her relatives in the rural community Ivande in Kurzeme; later they moved back to the farm of her father in the rural community Zaube; according to VALDENARS, they were still living there in 1948. The brother of R.S' father, STERNBERGS Janis (born 19 Feb. 1900), a well-known Latvian illustrator, was as DP in West Germany, later immigrated in the USA. The father of R.S. lived together with his wife in West Germany, US Zone, where his wife deceased in ab. 1951. (C). The brother of Mrs. STERNBERGS Edgars, RONS Julijs (see card 1117) supposedly lives now in the USA. (C).